

SOFT, FULLY BAKED BREADSTICKSAbstract

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A fully baked, soft, breadstick product is provided having a water activity in the range of about 0.9 to 0.95. The breadstick product is ideally suited for use in a refrigerated, ready-to-eat kit. The breadstick products are of a convenient size and shape with perforations to allow the breadstick product to be separated into individual breadsticks. The breadstick product is especially adapted as a single serving or snack food product. Also provided is a kit containing the breadstick product with one or more additional food items. Such additional food items include, for example, cheese, cheese products, cheese sauces, tomato sauces, cream cheese, butter, margarine, jam, jelly, honey, peanut butter, olive oil, salad ingredients, salad dressings, and the like. Preferably, each component item is in a separate container sealed from the other food items to substantially retard or prevent flavor, moisture, and microbial migration from one food item to another. The breadstick products retain a soft, desirable texture throughout their anticipated shelf lives.